

**B) IN THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) An ice shelter modular seat system ~~which comprises~~comprising:

a base unit[[,]] comprising a generally rectangular member having a base floor, the base floor including at least one leg track formed within the base floor by a pair of opposing flanges, at least one primary base wall that extends generally upwardly from the base floor, the at least one primary base wall including a generally horizontal and outwardly extending primary wall lip and a longitudinally extending support member attached to the primary wall lip, and a plurality of adjoining secondary base walls;

~~at least one seat mount unit, and~~

at least one seat mount unit comprising a top portion comprising a top surface and a bottom surface, the top surface of the seat mount unit including a mount pad for accommodating a base for a boat seat therewithin; and

at least one seat leg unit being capable of attachment to the bottom surface of the at least one seat mount, the leg seat unit fitting within the flanges of the leg track.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The modular seat system of claim 31 wherein the at least one seat mount unit and the at least one seat leg unit are integrally formed.

5. (Currently Amended) The modular seat system of claim 31 wherein the support member is made of an extruded metal material.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) The modular seat system of claim 8~~1~~ wherein the at least one seat leg unit includes a top bridge portion and a pair of leg portions.

11. (Original) The modular seat system of claim 10 wherein the top bridge portion of the at least one seat leg unit includes an upper surface and at least one stub extending upwardly therefrom.

12. (Original) The modular seat system of claim 11 including means for attaching the at least one seat mount unit to the at least one seat leg unit.

13. (Original) The modular seat system of claim 12 wherein the seat mount unit and seat leg unit attaching means comprises a pair of hollows defined within the bottom surface of the seat mount unit top portion, each hollow being functionally adapted to receive a leg unit stub therewithin.

14. (Currently Amended) The modular seat system of claim 8~~1~~ wherein the seat mount unit comprises a middle portion that extends generally forwardly of and downwardly from the top portion of the seat mount unit and includes a downwardly extending support portion for stabilizing the seat mount unit at the point of the uppermost edge of the primary base wall.

15. (Currently Amended) The modular seat system of claim 8~~1~~ wherein the seat mount unit front portion includes a top surface and a bottom surface.

16. (Original) The modular seat system of claim 15 including means for removably attaching the seat mount unit to the primary wall of the base unit.

17. (Original) The modular seat system of claim 16 wherein the seat mount unit and base unit attaching means includes a seat mount retaining bracket attached to the bottom

surface of the front seat mount portion and extending generally downwardly from it.

18. (Original) The modular seat system of claim 17 wherein the seat mount retaining bracket includes an inwardly extending flange, the bracket flange being engagable with a portion of the longitudinally extending support member.

19. (Currently Amended) The modular seat system of claim 3~~1~~ including hinge means for attaching the seat mount unit to the primary wall of the base unit.

20. (Original) The modular seat system of claim 15 where the top surface of the front seat mount portion includes a number of cup-holding apertures and a rod holding aperture.

21. (Currently Amended) The modular seat system of claim 8~~1~~ wherein the at least one seat mount unit is made of a single piece of molded material.

22. (Original) The modular seat system of claim 10 wherein the at least one seat leg unit is made of a single piece of molded material.

23. (Currently Amended) An ice shelter modular seat system for securing a plurality of seats in variable proximal locations ~~which comprises~~comprising:

a base, comprising a generally rectangular tub-like base member having a base floor, a primary base wall that extends generally upwardly from the base floor, at least one longitudinally extending leg track comprising a pair of opposing flanges and a plurality of adjoining secondary base walls, the primary base wall further comprising a generally horizontal and outwardly extending lip and a longitudinally extending support member attached to the lip;

a plurality of seat legs; and

a plurality of seat mounts; and

a plurality of seat legs, wherein each seat mount is removably engagable with a seat leg and variably positionable within the base. Each comprising a top portion, a middle portion, and a

front portion, the top portion including a top surface and a bottom surface, the top surface comprising a mount pad for accommodating a base for a boat seat therewithin, each seat mount is being capable of removable engagement with one of the plurality of seat legs, the seat legs being capable of movement along the leg track of the base.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) The modular seat system of claim ~~27~~<sup>23</sup> wherein each of the plurality of ~~at least one~~ seat legs includes an upper surface and at least one stub extending upwardly therefrom.

29. (Original) The modular seat system of claim 28 including means for attaching ~~the~~ at least one seat mount to ~~the~~ at least one seat leg, the seat mount and seat leg attaching means comprising a pair of hollows defined within the bottom surface of the seat mount top portion, each hollow being functionally adapted to receive a seat leg stub therewithin.

30. (Original) The modular seat system of claim 29 wherein the seat mount middle portion extends generally forwardly of and downwardly from the top portion of the seat mount and includes a downwardly extending support portion for stabilizing the seat mount at the point of the uppermost edge of the primary base wall.

31. (Original) The modular seat system of claim 29 wherein the seat mount front portion includes a top surface and a bottom surface and includes means for removably attaching the seat mount to the primary wall of the base.

32. (Original) The modular seat system of claim 31 wherein the seat mount and

base attaching means includes a seat mount retaining bracket attached to the bottom surface of the front seat mount portion and extending generally downwardly from it.

33. (Original) The modular seat system of claim 32 wherein the seat mount retaining bracket includes an inwardly extending flange, the bracket flange being engagable with a portion of the longitudinally extending support member.

34. (Currently Amended) The modular seat system of claim ~~24~~23 including hinge means for attaching the seat mount unite to the primary wall of the base unit.

35. (Original) The modular seat system of claim 33 where the top surface of the front seat mount portion includes at least one cup-holding aperture and at least one rod holding aperture.

36. (Currently Amended) The modular seat system of claim 23 wherein the ~~at least one seat mount is~~ mounts are made of a single piece of molded material.

37. (Currently Amended) The modular seat system of claim 23 wherein the ~~at least one seat leg is~~ legs are made of a single piece of molded material.

38. (Currently Amended) The modular seat system of claim 23 wherein the ~~at least one seat mount~~ mounts and the ~~at least one seat leg~~ legs are integrally formed.